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INFO	Chief, CSB/F, Chief of Base, Bonn		
FROM	Chief of Base, Berlin	DATE 27 March 1964	
SUBJECT	INTEL/CALL Question Regarding Political Report from CAMLET	RE "435" - (CHECK "X" ONE) ☐ MARKED FOR INDEXING ☐ NO INDEXING REQUIRED ☐ INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY	
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REFERENCES ECBA-18,221, 30 October 1963			
1. Your query regarding the follow-up of report BOO 242 was not answered before because we have not maintained regular contact with CAMLET. Now that BOB has been authorized to develop new sources in the SPD and take up old contacts on a more regular basis, we will attempt to see CAMLET more frequently. The report in question resulted from a chance meeting between CAMLET and ☐ ☐. CAMLET had just returned from one of his frequent trips to SPD Headquarters where he had a number of conversations with SPD officials particularly his friend Nau. 2. We considered the description of the difference between Herbert WEHNER and Willy BRANDT with respect to "the coalition of the future" as worth reporting. At this point, there has been enough information confirming this fundamental difference that the questions asked by ODACID may no longer be so urgent. CAMLET enjoys WEHNER's confidence, to some extent, and tends to side with WEHNER against BRANDT, but we are by no means sure that CAMLET could come up with WEHNER's real views of the prospects for a grand coalition. 3. To ask a politician in WEHNER's position why and how he expects to help bring about a grand coalition is a delicate matter. Most likely he would answer by citing a number of general reasons for the development which are obvious to any close student of German politics. That he might disclose something of his own web of contacts and plans for the grand coalition is very unlikely, even assuming a degree of intimacy with our source, especially so since BRANDT has emerged so clearly as an advocate of the SPD-FDP coalition. 4. Nevertheless, it appears that WEHNER continues to prefer the grand coalition, although his efforts in this direction have been less evident since BRANDT became party Chairman. WEHNER's reasons for this and his real estimate of the prospects for a grand coalition are requirements which we will not forget, but we have little expectation that they can be satisfied by an occasional source such as CAMLET.			
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